

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for executing content, comprising a mobile information terminal, an external device, a ticket server and a content server, in which

said mobile information terminal comprises

5 means for acquiring a ticket from said ticket server,

means for storing said ticket,

means for demanding an execution of content to said external device,

means for demanding halt of content to said external device,

10 means for renewing condition of the use of content,

said external device comprises

means for receiving a demand from said mobile information terminal,

means for acquiring content data,

15 means for executing content,

means for halting execution of content,

said ticket server comprises

means for storing tickets corresponding to content,

means for receiving a content ID from said content server, and

20 said content server comprises

means for storing content data designed to match with the performance of said external device.

2. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device further comprises means for checking the existence of said mobile information terminal periodically.

3. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mobile information terminal further comprises

means for designating an external device,
means for transferring condition of the use of content, and
5 means for deciding which mobile information terminal has used content.

4. The system as claimed in claim 3 wherein said mobile information terminal links an identifier to a ticket, stores said ticket and provides said ticket at the next time of the execution of content.

5. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device further comprises means for acquiring content from said mobile information terminal and storing said content.

6. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device further comprises means for acquiring content from said content server and storing said content.

7. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device starts execution of content, receiving command inputs.

8. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device terminates execution of content, receiving a demand from said mobile information terminal.

9. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device terminates the execution of content according to condition of the use of content.

10. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said external device terminates execution of content, receiving command inputs.

11. A mobile information terminal for executing content, comprising:

means for acquiring a ticket from a ticket server;
means for storing said ticket;

5 means for acquiring content from a content server;
means for storing said content;
means for executing said content;
means for renewing said ticket;
means for sending demand for executing content to an external
10 device; and
means for sending demand for terminating the execution of content
to said external device.

12. The mobile information terminal as claimed in claim 11 further comprising means for qualifying itself to be the terminal that used content.

13. The mobile information terminal as claimed in claim 12 further comprising means for linking an identifier to a ticket, storing said ticket and providing said ticket at the next time of execution of content.

14. An external device for executing content, comprising
means for communicating with a mobile information terminal;
means for receiving command inputs;
means for acquiring content;
5 means for executing content; and
means for checking the existence of a mobile information terminal
in neighborhood.

15. The external device as claimed in claim 14 further comprising means for acquiring content data corresponding to the performance of said external device.

16. A method for a mobile information terminal to execute content comprising the steps of:

- acquiring a ticket;
- storing said ticket;
- 5 acquiring content;
- executing said content; and
- renewing or abandoning said ticket.

17. The method as claimed in claim 16 wherein said mobile information terminal acquires content from a content server or other mobile information terminals.

18. The method as claimed in claim 16 wherein said mobile information terminal stores content.

19. The method as claimed in claim 16 further comprising the step of deciding which mobile information terminal has used content before executing content.

20. The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said mobile information terminal links an identifier to a ticket, stores said ticket and provides said ticket at the next time of execution of content.

21. A method for a mobile information terminal to execute content, comprising the steps of:

- acquiring a ticket from a ticket server;

storing said ticket;
5 demanding execution of content to an external device;
renewing or abandoning said ticket; and
demanding termination of the execution of content to said external device.

22. The method as claimed in claim 21 further comprising the step of designating an external device before the execution of content.

23. The method as claimed in claim 22 further comprising the step of checking the existence of the mobile information terminal that has designated an external device.

24. The method as claimed in claim 21 further comprising the steps of:

selecting a ticket;
taking out condition of the use of content included in said ticket;
5 and
sending said condition of the use of content to an external device before execution of content.

25. A method for an external device to execute content, comprising the steps of:

receiving condition of the use of content from a mobile external device;
5 acquiring content from a content server;
executing content;
terminating execution of content; and
deleting said condition of the use of content.

26. The method as claimed in claim 25 further comprising the step of storing content before executing content.

27. The method as claimed in claim 25 further comprising the step of recognizing a mobile information terminal that has sent condition of the use of content.

28. The method as claimed in claim 27 further comprising the step of linking an identifier for a mobile information terminal with a ticket, storing said identifier and said ticket.

29. The method as claimed in claim 25 further comprising the step of receiving command inputs.

30. The method as claimed in claim 25 further comprising the step of searching other external devices for content.

31. A method of executing content comprising the steps of:
exchanging identifiers between a mobile information terminal and
an external device;

5 said external device's acquiring content from a content server;

executing content;

terminating execution of content;

renewing a ticket; and

 said mobile information terminal's collecting said ticket from said
external device.

32. The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein at the exchange
of identifiers

 said mobile information terminal sends a ticket and condition of the

use of content including an identifier of said mobile information terminal
5 to said external device,

said external device sends an identifier of said external device to
said mobile information terminal and

said mobile information terminal and said external device store the
information of said identifier.

33. The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said mobile
information terminal designates an external device before the exchange
of identifiers.

34. The method as claimed in claim 33 further comprising the
step of checking the existence of said mobile information terminal in
neighborhood.

35. The method as claimed in claim 31 further comprising the
step of storing content before executing said content.

36. The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said external
device receives command inputs to terminate the execution of content.

37. The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said external
device searches other external devices for content.

38. The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said mobile
information terminal stores an identifier of said mobile information
terminal linked with a ticket.

39. A method for a mobile information terminal to execute
content, comprising the steps of:

acquiring content with a ticket from a content server;
separating said content and said ticket apart;
5 storing said content and said ticket separately;
executing said content; and
renewing or deleting said ticket.

40. A program for an external device to execute content performing the processes of:

receiving condition of the use of content, including a content ID, from a mobile information terminal;

5 receiving a demand to execute content from said mobile information terminal;

obtaining content;

executing content;

receiving a demand to terminate the execution of content;

10 terminating the execution of content; and

deleting said condition of the use of content from a storage section.

41. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the process of periodically checking the existence of said mobile information terminal in neighborhood.

42. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the process of searching other external devices for the requested content.

43. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the processes of:

obtaining content from said mobile information terminal;

storing said content in a storage section.

44. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the processes of:

obtaining content from a content server;
storing said content in a storage section.

45. The program as claimed in claim 44 further performing the processes of:

referring to a content server address and communicating with a content server;

5 referring to said content ID and obtaining content.

46. The program as claimed in claim 45 further performing the process of selecting content matching with the performance of a hardware on which said content is executed.

47. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the processes of:

storing an identifier of a mobile information terminal linked with a ticket;

5 decoding content;

confirming the validity of condition of the use of content; and
booting a content player.

48. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the processes of:

receiving a demand from said mobile information terminal; and
stopping a content player.

49. The program as claimed in claim 40 further performing the processes of:

confirming that said condition of the use of content is fulfilled; and stopping a content player.

50. A program for an external device to execute content performing the processes of:

sending an identifier of said external device to a mobile information terminal;

5 receiving a ticket and condition of the use of content including an identifier of said mobile information terminal;

storing said condition of the use of content in a memory;

acquiring content from a content server;

executing content;

10 terminating the execution of content; and renewing said ticket.

51. The program as claimed in claim 50 further performing the process of checking in neighborhood the existence of said mobile information terminal identified by said identifier.

52. The program as claimed in claim 50 further performing the process of storing content data in a memory.

53. The program as claimed in claim 50 further performing the process of storing said identifier linked with said ticket in a memory.

54. The program as claimed in claim 50 further performing the process of receiving command inputs.

55. The program as claimed in claim 50 further performing the process of searching other external devices for the requested content.

56. A program for a mobile information terminal to execute content performing the processes of:

receiving input of information of a ticket;

searching a storage section for said ticket;

5 acquiring a ticket with condition of the use of content from a content server;

storing said ticket in a storage section;

receiving input of a demand to execute content;

acquiring content;

10 executing content; and

terminating the execution of content.

57. The program as claimed in claim 56 further performing the processes of:

referring to a content server address and communicating with a content server;

5 referring to a content ID included in said ticket and downloading the corresponding content; and

storing said content in a storage section.

58. The program as claimed in claim 56 further performing the process of searching other mobile information terminal for the requested content.

59. The program as claimed in claim 56 further performing the processes of:

linking an identifier of said mobile information terminal and said ticket;

5 storing said identifier and said ticket in a storage section;

decoding content data;
confirming the validity of said condition of the use of content; and
booting a content player.

60. The program as claimed in claim 56 further performing the processes of:

receiving a demand to halt from said mobile information terminal;
and

5 stopping a content player.

61. The program as claimed in claim 56 further performing the processes of:

confirming that said condition of the use of content is fulfilled; and
terminating a content player.

62. A program for a mobile information terminal to execute content, performing the processes of:

receiving input of the information of a ticket;

checking the existence of said ticket in a storage section;

5 sending back the result;

acquiring said ticket with condition of the use of content from a content server;

storing said ticket in a storage section;

specifying an external device to execute content;

10 transmitting condition of utilizing an external device including a content ID to an external device;

receiving input of an execution demand;

demanding execution of content to said external device; and

renewing said condition of utilizing external device.

63. A program for a mobile information terminal to execute content, performing the processes of:

- receiving input of the information of a ticket;
- 5 checking the existence of said ticket in a storage section;
- sending back the result;
- acquiring said ticket with condition of the use of content from a ticket server;
- storing said ticket in a storage section;
- transmitting said ticket and an identifier of said mobile information
- 10 terminal to an external device;
 - receiving an identifier of an external device from said external device;
 - storing said identifier in a storage section;
 - demanding the execution of content to said external device; and
- 15 collecting said ticket from said external device after the execution of content.

64. The program as claimed in claim 63 further performing the process of designating an external device to execute content.

65. A program for a mobile information terminal to execute content performing the processes of:

- checking the existence of a ticket in a storage section;
- acquiring content with a ticket from a content server;
- 5 separating said content and said ticket;
- storing said content and said ticket separately in a storage section;
- executing said content; and
- renewing or deleting said ticket.

66. The program as claimed in claim 65 further performing the

process of storing an identifier of a mobile information terminal linked with said ticket in a storage section.